

Kinship Care Initial Assessment
(Complete as quickly as possible, but no later than 24 hours after placement of child)

Case Name:	County Case #	Date:
Caregiver #1:		Caregiver #2

Y/N	Requirement	Indicators	Comments/Service Needs
	1. The caregiver is willing to provide care for the child(ren). [Indicate how long in the comment section]	Discuss caregiver's willingness to care for the child(ren) and the length of time they are willing to provide care.	
	2. The caregiver is willing to provide age-appropriate supervision for the child(ren).	Discuss family's plan for supervising the child(ren), including any need for additional services to provide supervision.	
	3. The caregiver has sufficient financial resources to meet the child(ren)'s basic needs, any special, immediate needs, and access to resources.	Discuss family's financial resources, support network, and need for additional financial, medical, or support resources. Discuss immediate health needs of the child and family's ability to meet needs. Telephone available for emergencies.	
	4. The caregiver is willing and able to protect the child(ren) from continued maltreatment. Establish visitation, appropriate contact (including phone calls) with birth family. Caregiver able to support contact with birth parents as appropriate.	Caregiver does not take sides regarding allegations; does not blame child, and is able to provide appropriate boundaries to protect the child. Discuss plans for contact with family.	

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	5. The family will report any indicators/circumstances indicating that the child has been abused or neglected.	Discuss reporting requirements with the family; obtain verbal agreement to report concerns. Discuss behavioral indicators of abuse, sexual abuse, neglect.	
	6. The family will use fair, reasonable discipline which emphasizes positive reinforcement.	Discuss family discipline practices. Family agrees not to use physical punishment, isolation, deprivation of food, or humiliation. Discuss appropriate disciplinary measures for particular child(ren).	
	7. The child will have a sleeping space with reasonable privacy and comfort.	The caregiver has a reasonable plan that considers the child(ren)'s age, gender, needs, and personal history.	
	8. Home is free of objects and conditions which constitute obvious fire and/or safety hazards. Critical deficiencies must be corrected within 24 hours.	Working smoke detector on each level, fire extinguisher in kitchen, car seats for infants and children up to 4 years of age. No unlocked firearms; accessible poisons; overloaded extension cords; exposed electrical wiring; peeling or flaking paint; broken windows, doors, or steps; holes in walls, floors, or ceilings; or rodent/insect infestation.	
	9. The family has functional indoor plumbing or an acceptable outhouse.	Toilet/outhouse and kitchen facilities viewed by evaluator, determined to be in reasonably sanitary and working condition. Outhouse must be at least 50 feet from any water source (pond, well, etc.), have a door, and be rodent free.	

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	10. No resident in this household has a history of criminal behavior that precludes the family from caring for the child(ren).	Family agrees to criminal record check which must be obtained within 3 days. No findings, criminal convictions, or pending charges for violence, sexual offenses, crimes against minors, or other criminal acts that would place the child(ren) at risk. Any exceptions require supervisory approval with documentation and signature in the space to the right.	
	11. No resident in this household has a history of involvement with child protective services that precludes the family from caring for the child(ren).	CPS Central Registry check completed within 3 days. Self report by family members.	
	12. Family member's alcohol or substance use does not present risk of harm to child(ren).	Self statement regarding use of alcohol and other drugs; observation, other indicators. Caregiver understands and acknowledges risks associated with use while providing care to child(ren). Discussed criminal history related to alcohol/substance abuse.	
	13. Caregivers are physically and mentally capable of providing care and supervision.	Self-statement, observation, and obvious indicators.	

Recommendations: _____

We, the undersigned, have reviewed the above assessment and agree to work together to provide a safe and nurturing environment for the above-named children.

Caregiver's Signature	Date	Social Worker's Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
Caregiver's Signature	Date	Social Work Supervisor's Signature	Date
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